

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:  
a display;  
a pointing device for moving a pointer appearing on the display in a desired direction; and  
a plurality of cursor keys for moving a cursor appearing on the display in predetermined directions, the cursor keys being arranged near the pointing device.
2. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the cursor keys are arranged along the periphery of the pointing device such that the pointing device is at the center of the cursor keys.
3. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:  
a display unit having a display housing on which the display is provided;  
a main unit provided with a keyboard having a plurality of operation keys; and  
a hinge unit which connects the display unit and the main unit such that the display unit can pivot to open and close the keyboard,  
wherein the hinge unit includes a hinge barrel and

hinge pins disposed in the hinge barrel, and

wherein the pointing device and the cursor keys are positioned near one end of the information processing apparatus along the axis of the hinge pins in an area between the display unit and the keyboard.

4. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a confirmation button for confirming a selected or input item, the confirmation button being positioned near the pointing device or the cursor keys.